



Senate

General Assembly

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 62

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The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. COLAPIETRO of the 31st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the joint resolution ought to be adopted.

RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO BAN GIFT CARD FEES.

Resolved by this Assembly:

- 1 WHEREAS, Connecticut has adopted strong consumer protections
- 2 regarding gift cards, including prohibiting gift card expiration dates
- 3 and prohibiting the issuers of such cards from charging consumers
- 4 inactivity fees or any other deduction from the value of a gift card; and
- 5 WHEREAS, if a gift card is issued by a national bank, federal law
- 6 preempts Connecticut state consumer gift card protections; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the Attorney General of Connecticut has fought
- 8 unsuccessfully to apply Connecticut state gift card law to gift cards
- 9 issued by national banks; and
- 10 WHEREAS, major gift card issuers are issuing gift cards through
- 11 and by national banks, thereby denying consumers the protections
- 12 provided to them under Connecticut's law.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut
14 General Assembly calls upon the Congress of the United States to pass
15 appropriate legislation to specifically authorize states to prohibit gift
16 card expiration dates, inactivity fees or any other deductions from the
17 value of a gift card; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the House of
19 Representatives and the Senate cause copies of this resolution to be
20 sent to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
21 member of the Connecticut congressional delegation.

GL *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Cost	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There will be a minimal cost to Legislative Management to mail copies of this resolution to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of the Connecticut congressional delegation.



OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Resolutions.

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/10/2009)